for establishment of a separate Statutory Development Board for Konkan is pending with his Ministry for the last 12 years;

(b) if so, the latest position of the case; and

(c) by when it is likely to be approved?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MANIKRAO GAVIT): (a) Based on a unanimous Resolution passed by both Houses of the State Legislature on 13.3.1989, the Government of Maharashtra has been pursuing with the Government of India on a proposal to amend Article 371(2)(a) of the Constitution to provide for the establishment of a separate Statutory Development Board for the Konkan region.

(b) and (c) Data available in the Government of Maharashtra's Human Development Report 2002 shows that the Konkan region has, rather than being deprived, actually achieved significant progress during the last decade when compared to the rest of Maharashtra. Since the original Resolution of the State Legislature had been passed long back in 1989, the Government of Maharashtra was requested to obtain afresh the views of both the Houses of Legislature of Maharashtra. The State Legislature has on 15.12.2005 passed a unanimous Resolution that for the removal of the backlog and for the rapid development of this region, the creation of a Statutory Development Board for Konkan is necessary and has urged the Government of India to take necessary steps to amend Article 371(2)(a) of the Constitution for the purpose. The views of the Planning Commission have been sought in the matter in the light of the latest available data on the Konkan region. Since the matter involves complex issues, it is not possible to specify a definite timeframe.

Implementation of Assam Accord in totality

1701. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what steps are being taken by Government to implement the Assam Accord in its totality; and

(b) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY): (a) and (b) A large number of commitments made in the Assam Accord have already been fulfilled. Some Clauses of the Accord *viz.* speedy all-round economic development of Assam, measures to prevent infiltration etc. are of continuing nature and are therefore regularly monitored. The Government is committed to implement the Assam Accord in letter and spirit. The Prime Minister and the Union Home Minister have held tripartite meetings to review the implementation of the Assam Accord on 05.05.05 and 02.01.06 respectively.

Establishment of Cyber Police Stations in States

1702. SHRI SHANTARAM LAXMAN NAIK: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are encouraging State Governments to establish Cyber Police Station;

(b) the States, if any, which have established Cyber Police Stations;

(c) whether Government have any scheme to assist the State Governments proposing or willing to establish such police stations; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) to (d) Under the Police Modernization Scheme, there is a plan to computerize all the police stations in the country in the next three years, it is also proposed to provide connectivity to these police stations for electronic interface with citizens. The Scheme will be implemented in phases to cover all the police stations in the country.

Strength of Women in security forces

†1703. SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI:
SHRI C. PERUMAL:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of women in the security forces of the country;

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.